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Director Announces Division Chief Rotations

SACRAMENTO --- California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director Ed Lowry today announced a plan to rotate program managers (Division Chiefs) within the DTSC's line programs. The management rotation affects the Permitting and Corrective Action, Statewide Cleanup Operations, Emergency Response, Office of Military Facilities, Pollution Prevention, and Statewide Compliance Divisions.

"I am convinced that the Department will realize significant benefits from the Division Chief rotation," said Lowry. "This rotation will produce important cross-program fertilization that will enable us to work in an even more integrated fashion," Lowry added.

On May 1, 2003, the following Division Chief assignments will take effect:

- Emergency Response: Norm Riley (formerly Statewide Compliance)
- Office of Military Facilities: Rick Moss (formerly Permitting and Corrective Action)
- Statewide Cleanup Operations: Caren Trgovcich (formerly Emergency Response)
- Pollution Prevention: Stan Phillippe (formerly Office of Military Facilities)
- Permitting and Corrective Action: Barbara Coler (formerly Statewide Cleanup Operations)
- Statewide Compliance: Kim Wilhelm (formerly Pollution Prevention)

The rotation will not affect the Schools Division headed by Hamid Saebfar or the Statewide Regulatory Programs Division headed by Peggy Harris.

"Our Department is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated group of executive level managers," Lowry said. "We will benefit from the rich personal background that each brings to his or her new mission."

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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